



Howard County Celebrates Veteran's Day and More

Veterans Day is observed every year on November 11th. It was originally called "Armistice Day" when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed this day in November 1919. Armistice is when warring parties agree to stop fighting and "Armistice Day" recognizes the end of World War I when hostilities ceased on November 11th at 11 A.M, 1918 (11th hour, of the 11th, of the 11th month).

Howard County celebrates and honors veterans on Veteran's Day and throughout November and December with a number of programs to celebrate and honor the men and women who have served and continue to serve. Below is a list of upcoming events:

Oct 16 –Veteran Small Business Resolution Introduction at County Council Meeting – 7pm. Oral and written testimony in support of a resolution to revise the Equal Business Opportunity Program Manual that governs the internal operating procedures of the County's Equal Business Opportunity Program; providing that Veterans are a group that may be counted towards Equal Business Opportunity goals; amending certain goal percentages; and generally relating to the Equal Business Opportunity Program. [To register to give testimony](#) George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Wednesday, Nov 8 – [Howard County Chamber/GovConnects Salute to Veteran Luncheon](#), 11am-1:30pm. Join us for this special luncheon to honor our veterans and hear the latest on development plans for Fort George G. Meade and how they will impact Howard County straight from Ft. Meade's Garrison Commander Colonel Thomas S. Rickard. The Great Room at Savage Mill 8600 Foundry Street Savage, MD 20763

Thursday, November 9 – Veteran's Day Waffle Bar, 9:30am Bain 50+ Center. Free

Thursday, November 9 – [Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families meeting](#), 7pm at 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive.

Friday, November 10 – Vet-in-School Pilot Kickoff at Howard High – To encourage all schools to recognize Veteran's Day, Leadership U, the Office of Veterans and Military Families, the Commission for Veterans and Military Families, and County veteran service organizations have partnered to create a presentation for all social studies classes.

Friday, November 10 – Howard Community College Honors Veteran Students and Staff – Horowitz Performing and Visual and Performing Arts (HPVA) Center, 10am-11am. Collecting for McVets

Friday, November 10 – [Columbia Association Veteran's Celebration](#) at the Columbia Lakefront, 12-1pm

Friday, November 10 - Veterans Eat Free at Mission BBQ

Friday, Nov. 10, Donations Day at [Columbia Yoga Center](#) to benefit Veterans, 6:00pm-7:30pm. This will be a mixed level donation class celebrating those who support our country through their military service. All proceeds will go to Warriors at Ease whose mission is to train teachers to provide yoga and meditation services to military service members, veterans, and their families worldwide. Parkridge Plaza Building 8950 State Route 108, Suite 109 Columbia, MD 21045

Saturday November 11 – Gold Star Memorial Rededication, 10am Old Town Ellicott City The Howard County Garden Club installed and dedicated the Blue Star Memorial in May 2013. During the Flood of July 30, 2016, the boulder and plaque were washed away. The plaque was found and returned about 6 weeks later but not the boulder. The rededication will take place in front of the Tourism Building. A Reception will follow inside The Tourism Building. All are invited.

Saturday November 11 – St. Paul's Catholic Church Veteran Memorial service, 11:11am followed by a "military version" – chow-line luncheon. Old Town Ellicott City

Saturday, November 11 – [Veteran's Day Parade](#) in Historic Ellicott City, 1pm. Ellicott City Partnership looking for participants.

Sunday November Nov 12 – Veteran's Day/Marine Corp Birthday Celebration, 5:30-10:30pm VFW Post 7472 in Ellicott City, MD. Email gmack54@yahoo.com for ticket info.

Now thru Nov 15 – [Made With Love Hat and Scarf Collection Drive](#) – Knit or crochet a hat or scarf for a deployed service member.

Friday, Nov 17 – [Leadership Howard County Hosts Mission BBQ: Supporting Those who Serve, Luncheon and Gift Drive](#), 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at The Meeting House. Mission BBQ Founder Bill Krause will share his story of building a business that honors and supports military service members, veterans and first responders. Our annual gift drive will support Fisher House at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, with donations of gift cards and other items for families of service members. [Fisher House Wishlist](#)

Dec 7 & 14 – 6:30-10:30pm [Symphony of Lights Military Appreciation Days](#), Columbia. \$10/vehicle with valid military ID; not valid with other discounts.

Dec 16 – [Wreaths Across America](#), St. John Lutheran Church, 6004 Waterloo Rd. Columbia, MD 21045 at 12pm and [Crest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Marriottsville](#), 12pm

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